Call for DCH HCBS Transition Task Force Committee Members

In 2014, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) established new regulations to ensure that individuals who receive Medicaid home and community based services in settings that are integrated and support full access to the greater community. As a follow up to the HCBS statewide meetings you attended last fall, we'd like to inform you of another opportunity to stay involved in the transition process in Georgia.

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is inviting additional persons to serve on the HCBS Transition Taskforce and its committees. Individuals, family members and providers who serve or receive the following Medicaid Waivers: ICWP, CCSP, SOURCE and NOW/COMP are invited to participate.

Established in 2014, the purpose of the HCBS Transition Taskforce is to involve all stakeholders in the planning process, while ensuring that all areas of the transition plan and the HCBS settings rule are being addressed. The four committees are: Policy, Communication, Person-Centered Planning and Service Delivery and Regulatory. Several committees also have subcommittees based on a specific area of focus.

The committees will be generally responsible for the review, analyses and revision of policies and procedures and to ensure conformity with changes in the State's policies. Transition Taskforce meetings are held once per month via conference call and committees meet also by conference call no more than twice per month. Conference calls last 30-60 minutes.

For a complete description of duties and responsibilities of each committee, click HERE.

To volunteer, please indicate which committee you would like to serve on and contact Rebecca Dugger for more details at hcbs.gov.gov or call 404-463-0551.

Helpful links for review:

HCBSadvocacy.org

<u>Department of Community Health-Transition Plan Information</u>